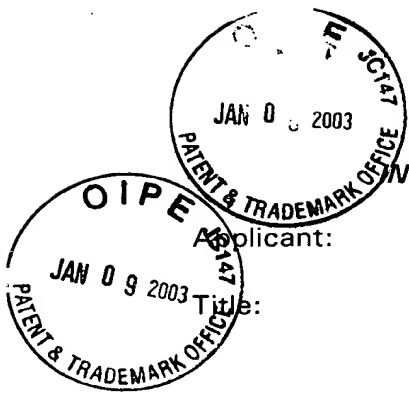


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gerhard HOPPEN
Title: DUV-CAPABLE
MICROSCOPE OBJECTIVE
WITH PARFOCAL IR FOCUS

Appl. No.: 09/598,406
Appl. Filing Date: 06/21/2000
Examiner: Audrey Chang
Art Unit: 2872

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ [X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on June 10, 2002.
- ☐ [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
- ☐ [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
- ☐ [] Other ___.

b. Enclosed are:

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- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Claims:	23	22	0	x \$18.00	\$18.00
Independents:	4	3	0	x \$84.00	\$84.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$280.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					\$852.00

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$410.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$930.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1,450.00
CLAIM AND RCE FEE TOTAL:			\$852.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$2,302.00

☒ A check in the amount of \$2,302.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

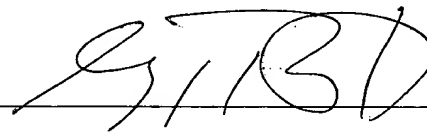
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Respectfully submitted,

Date January 9, 2003

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